## **MEDICAID PERSONAL CARE FORECAST FAST FACTS:**

What needs program covers: Medicaid Personal Care (MPC) is a Title 19 Medicaid funded service that provides personal care support for eligible functionally disabled persons in their own homes, adult family homes (AFH), adult residential care (ARC), or foster care. This service is provided in the person's own home by an individual (IP) or homecare agency provider (AP), or in a licensed adult family home (AFH) or adult residential care boarding home (ARC).

**Program Requirements:** MPC eligibility requires that a person meet both financial and functional eligibility:

- Medicaid "Categorically Needy" financial eligibility; and
- An assessment by the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) that shows there is an unmet need for at least one direct personal care task because of a functional disability. DSHS Division of Development Disabilities (DDD) functional eligibility requires that a person meet all of the conditions as defined in WAC 388-825-030:
  - ✓ A disability condition defined as mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, another neurological or other condition similar to mental retardation; or developmental delays for children under the age of six;
  - ✓ A condition that originated before the age of 18;
  - ✓ A condition that is expected to continue indefinitely; and
  - ✓ A condition that results in a substantial handicap as defined in Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

DDD eligibility may be time limited and subject to review.